



## *“Anochi Caribeño”*

### FDEC announces a commemorative concert dedicated to Padu del Caribe

Juan Chabaya Lampe, an icon of Aruban culture and best known as Padu del Caribe, celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday in May. In honor of the occasion, a concert with over forty musicians was performed on the last Sunday of the month in the “chapel” of the Manchebo Beach Hotel, under the musical direction of Bartholomeus “Roy” Sneek. This concert was such a success, it will be repeated to some degree, but extended and enlarged upon in the Cas di Cultura on Friday, August 31 and titled *“Anochi Caribeño”*

Maria Caster, Director of the Fundacion Desaroyo Educativo Comunitario, (FDEC) along with Mr. Sneek and foundation music instructor Lucio Rivadeneira made the announcement at the FDEC offices in Oranjestad on Monday, July 9. The concert will be comprised entirely of the music of Padu, which in his more than fifty years of composing, is prodigious. Padu, along with Rufo Wever, composed Aruba’s National Anthem, “Aruba Dushi Terra,” and has issued a number of musical albums and CD’s over the years.

Joining Mr. Sneek’s orchestra from the May concert will be the musical students of FDEC under the tutelage and direction of Lucio Rivadeneira. As during the May concert, several of the island’s top vocalists including Erica Giel, Percy and Robert J’eandor, Nilka Franca, Gilbert Arends, Dayleen Dijkhoff, Annette Wongsemito and more will be performing.

The concert begins at 8:00 PM and tickets are on sale for 25 Aruban Florins. Tickets can be purchased at Dowco stores in Santa Cruz and San Nicolas, at the station offices of Radio Station Canal 90, Papa John’s Pizza in Santa Cruz, and the FDEC offices on the Zoutmanstraat in Oranjestad.

Mr. Sneek also announced that there will be extensive preparations and training sessions for what will be a seventy-piece orchestra, and asked that participating musicians and vocalists contact him at telephone number 565-5269 for more information and schedules.

The May concert was a delightful affair featuring a selection of the best Aruban and regional waltzes, tumbas and ballads; performed by talented artists with great emotion. A repeat performance is something that should not be missed!